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## BEFORE & AFTER

# Yemen: 10,073 children return to school

### Post-Conflict School Rehab Brings Life Back to Abyan Governorate

*IN 2011, AL QAEDA MILITANTS OCCUPIED MANY SCHOOLS IN ABYAN IN ORDER TO LAUNCH ATTACKS—DISPLACING UPWARDS OF 200,000 PERSONS.*

*IN 2012, THE GOVERNMENT OF YEMEN LAUNCHED A MILITARY ACTION TO RETAKE THIS AREA OF YEMEN, AND MANY OF THE OCCUPIED ABYAN SCHOOLS WERE BADLY DAMAGED DURING THE FIGHTING. NUMEROUS EXPLOSIVE DEVICES AND UNEXPLODED BOMBS WERE LEFT BEHIND AT SCHOOLS.*

*USAID WAS ONE OF THE FIRST DONORS TO HELP REHABILITATE SCHOOLS IN ABYAN---TO MAKE THEM SAFE FOR STUDENTS.*

*REHABILITATION OF SCHOOLS ALLOWED 10,073 STUDENTS TO RETURN TO CLASS, ENCOURAGED BUSINESSES TO REOPEN, AND FAMILIES TO RETURN HOME.*



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**BEFORE** Many Abyan schools in Yemen were occupied by Al Qaeda and damaged during conflicts in 2012. Upwards of 200,000 persons were displaced, including thousands of school children.



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**AFTER** As of August 2013, 10,073 children in Abyan are now attending classes at 15 rehabilitated schools with USAID support.

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